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MONTHLY FARM REPORT

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CROP ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION - December 2007

CROPS ¹	Unit	NORTH CAROLINA						
		Acres Harvested		Yield		Production		Percent Change
		2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	
		Thousands				Thousands		+/-
Barley	Bu.	17	14	80	53	1,360	742	-45
Corn for Grain	Bu.	740	1,020	132	100	97,680	102,000	+4
Cotton: Upland ²	Lbs.	865	490	713	769	1,285	785	-39
Hay: All	Ton	690	699	2.4	1.5	1,663	1,050	-37
Hay: Alfalfa ³	Ton	10	9	3.1	1.7	31	15	-52
Hay: Other	Ton	680	690	2.4	1.5	1,632	1,035	-37
Oats	Bu.	26	15	65	51	1,690	765	-55
Peanuts	Lb.	84	90	3,200	2,800	268,800	252,000	-6
Potatoes: Irish	Cwt.	15.5	14.5	210	186	3,255	2,700	-17
Sorghum for Grain	Bu.	13	9	47	60	611	540	-12
Soybeans for Beans	Bu.	1,360	1,360	32	21	43,520	28,560	-34
Sweetpotatoes	Cwt.	39	43	180	165	7,020	7,095	+1
Tobacco: Flue-cured	Lb.	155	166	2,090	2,270	323,950	376,820	+16
Tobacco: Burley	Lb.	3.9	4.0	1,700	1,650	6,630	6,600	0
Wheat: Winter	Bu.	420	500	59	40	24,780	20,000	-19

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Soybean

production is

down 34%

from last year.

Corn for Grain

production is

up 4%

from 2006.



WEATHER SUMMARY

DECEMBER: North Carolina received rain throughout the month of December, yet much of the state is still under severe drought. Temperatures were well above normal for the month with average temperatures ranging from 37 to 53 degrees. Total precipitation for the month was between 2.17 and 5.89 inches.



Flue-cured Tobacco

production is

up 16%

from last year.

Burley Tobacco

production is

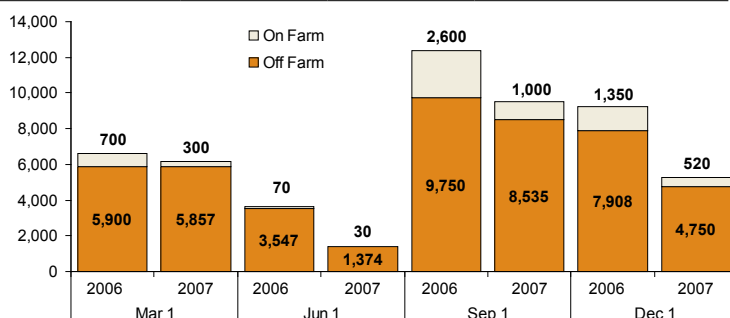
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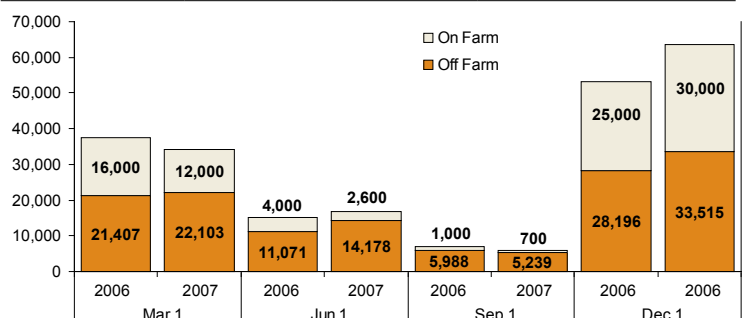
OFF FARM GRAIN STOCKS

SOYBEAN GRAIN STOCKS totaled 10,139,000 bushels as of December 1, 2007.

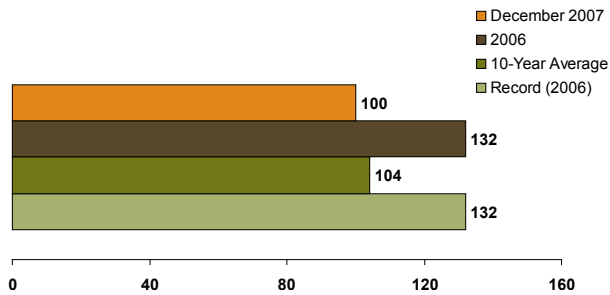
WHEAT STOCKS (Thousand Bushels)



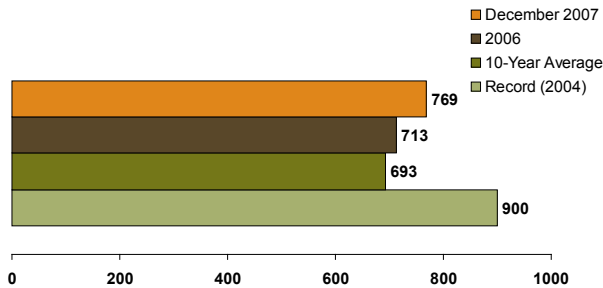
CORN STOCKS (Thousand Bushels)



CORN FOR GRAIN YIELD *(Bushels)*

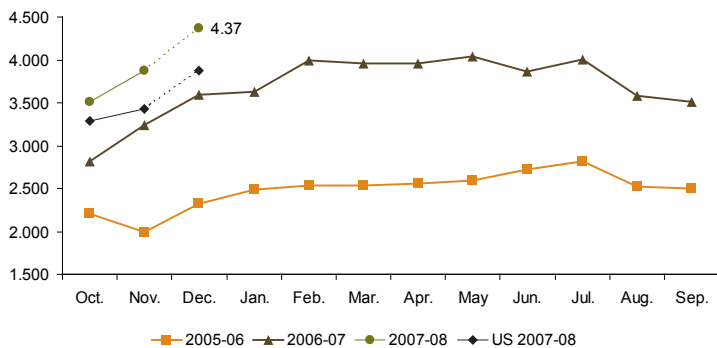


UPLAND COTTON YIELD *(Pounds)*

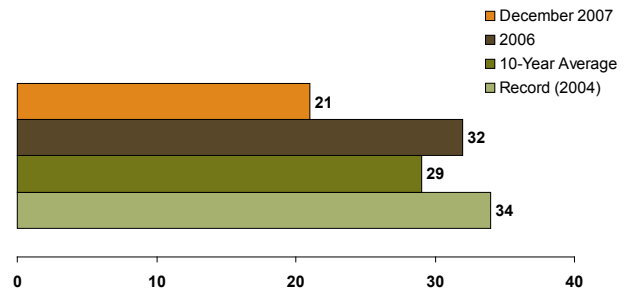


PRICES RECEIVED FOR CORN

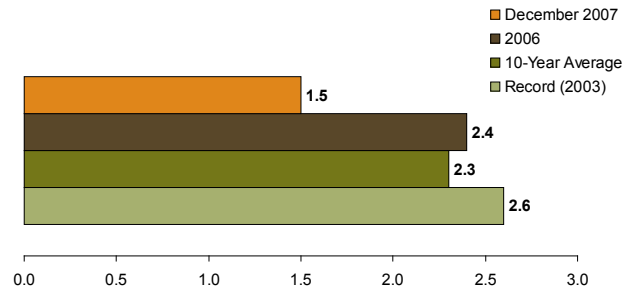
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SOYBEAN YIELD *(Bushels)*

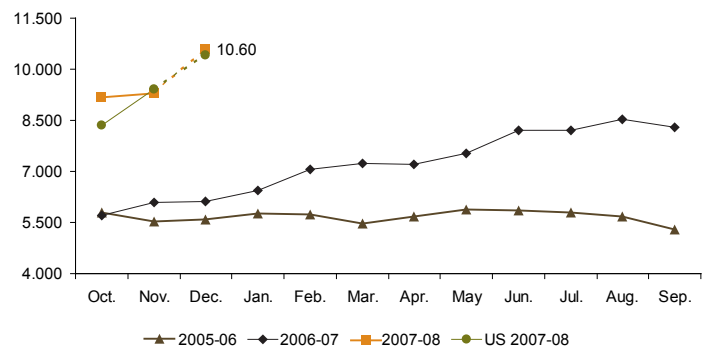


OTHER HAY YIELD *(Tons)*



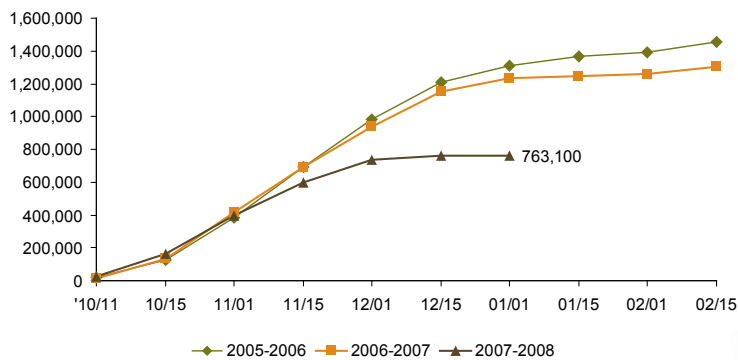
PRICES RECEIVED FOR SOYBEANS

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COTTON GINNINGS - Running Bales Ginned

(Year to Date)



DECEMBER PRELIMINARY PRICES RECEIVED

- Corn \$4.37 per bushel
- Cotton \$0.565 per pound
- Soybeans \$10.60 per bushel
- Hogs \$40.70 per hundredweight
- Eggs \$1.260 per dozen



Cotton
production is
down 39%
from last year.

All Hay
production is
down 37%
from last year.



EGG PRODUCTION - November

STATE	LAYERS ON HAND		TOTAL EGGS PRODUCED		TABLE EGGS		HATCHING EGGS	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>Million Eggs</i>					
Alabama	8,872	9,476	166	179	40	32	126	147
Florida	10,967	10,864	249	238	242	231	7	7
Georgia	19,392	19,310	403	402	222	219	181	183
North Carolina	11,398	12,462	224	254	89	120	135	134
South Carolina	4,865	4,563	107	97	86	76	21	21
United States	346,936	342,905	7,549	7,511	6,506	6,420	1,043	1,090

CHICKS HATCHED - November

STATE	BROILER-TYPE		
	2006	2007	Percent Change
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>+/-</i>
Alabama	103,361	104,849	+1
Arkansas	92,598	92,972	0
Delaware	13,146	14,673	+12
Florida	4,883	4,881	0
Georgia	115,631	120,012	+4
Kentucky	23,870	24,272	+2
Louisiana	13,605	14,168	+4
Maryland	30,085	29,987	0
Mississippi	58,384	64,865	+11
North Carolina	64,781	68,594	+6
Oklahoma	22,350	22,570	+1
Pennsylvania	12,986	14,248	+10
South Carolina	18,033	18,363	+2
Texas	48,215	51,926	+8
Virginia	20,748	22,075	+6
California, Missouri, Tennessee, & West Virginia	65,174	67,836	+4
19 States ¹	707,850	736,291	+4
Other States ²	22,096	25,111	+14
United States	729,946	761,402	+4

¹ States in the weekly hatchery production estimating program are those listed above. ² Not published separately to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

LIVESTOCK HIGHLIGHTS

TURKEY HATCHERY: Eggs in incubators on January 1, 2008 totaled 10,739,000 for the North and South Atlantic Region. This is up 8% from the 9,908,000 eggs reported on January 1, 2007. Poults hatched during December 2007 totaled 8,410,000, a 4% increase from the 8,073,000 poults hatched in December 2006.

CHICKEN EGGS: Broiler-type eggs in incubators on December 1, 2007 totaled 250,071,000 for the South Atlantic Region. The total was up 2% from the December 2006 total of 244,422,000 eggs. The total number of Egg-type eggs in incubators on December 1, 2007 increased 17% from the previous year to 5,121,000 eggs for the South Atlantic Region.

SOWS FARROWING: North Carolina producers intend to farrow 550,000 sows during the December 2007 - February 2008 quarter and 560,000 sows during the March - May 2008 quarter.

PIG CROP: The State's pig crop during the September - November 2007 period totaled 4.94 million head, down 2 percent from the same quarter last year.

PIGS PER LITTER: The number of pigs saved per litter averaged 9.15 during the September - November 2007 quarter, unchanged from the previous year.

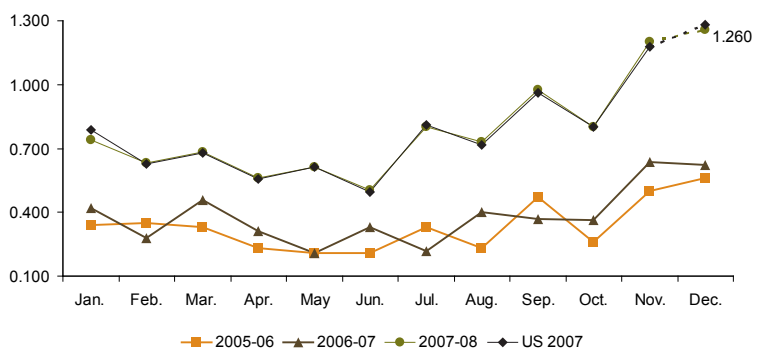
TURKEYS RAISED - 2006 and 2007¹

STATE	2006 ²	2007 ³	Percent Change
	<i>Thousands</i>		<i>+/-</i>
Arkansas	30,000	31,000	+3
California	15,800	16,000	+1
Illinois	2,700	2,800	+4
Indiana	13,800	15,300	+11
Iowa	8,200	8,300	+1
Maryland	730	750	+3
Massachusetts	62	59	-5
Michigan	4,600	4,800	+4
Minnesota	45,000	48,000	+7
Missouri	20,000	20,000	0
New Jersey	33	39	+18
New York	630	640	+2
North Carolina	37,500	39,000	+4
North Dakota	1,800	1,900	+6
Ohio	5,100	5,100	0
Pennsylvania	10,500	11,000	+5
South Carolina	9,600	10,500	+9
South Dakota	4,200	4,500	+7
Vermont	55	51	-7
Virginia	21,500	22,000	+2
West Virginia	3,600	3,500	-3
Other States ⁴	27,050	26,450	-2
United States Total ⁵	262,460	271,689	+4

¹ Revised. ² Based on turkeys placed September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2006. Excludes young turkeys lost. ³ Based on turkeys placed September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007. Excludes young turkeys lost. ⁴ CO, KS, NE, OK, TX, UT, and WI combined to avoid disclosing individual operations. ⁵ 28 State total.

PRICES RECEIVED FOR MARKET TYPE EGGS

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LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER - November

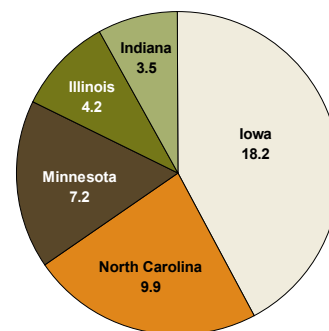
SPECIES	NORTH CAROLINA				UNITED STATES					
	Number Slaughtered ¹		Total Live Weight		Number Slaughtered ¹		Total Live Weight		Total Dressed Weight	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>Thousand Pounds</i>		<i>Million Head</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>	
Cattle	18.7	18.0	22,061	20,634	2.8	2.8	3,667	3,678	2,227	2,229
Hogs	957.4	1,043.8	246,374	274,537	9.4	10.1	2,542	2,735	1,896	2,045

¹ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

HOGS AND PIGS - Inventory Number by Class and Weight Group

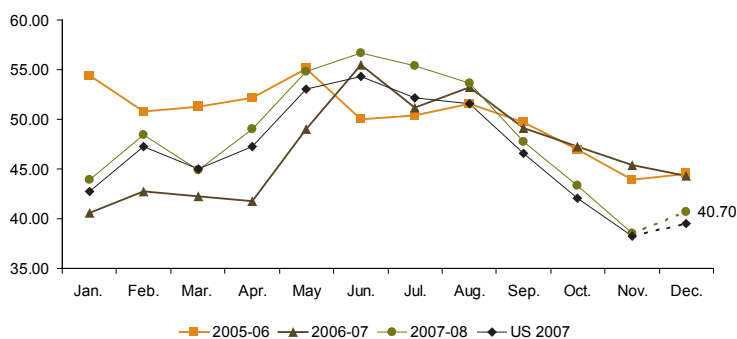
ITEM	DECEMBER 1 INVENTORY			SEPTEMBER 1 INVENTORY		
	2006	2007	Percent Change	2006	2007	Percent Change
	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>+/-</i>	<i>Thousand Head</i>		<i>+/-</i>
All Hogs and Pigs	9,500	9,900	+4	9,700	10,200	+5
Kept for breeding	1,010	1,030	+2	1,010	1,030	+2
Market	8,490	8,870	+4	8,690	9,170	+6
Market Hogs and Pigs						
By Weight Groups:						
Under 60 Lbs.	3,390	3,370	-1	3,530	3,550	+1
60-119 Lbs.	1,970	2,100	+7	2,040	2,260	+11
120-179 Lbs.	1,680	1,790	+7	1,710	1,810	+6
180 Lbs. and Over	1,450	1,610	+11	1,410	1,550	+10

HOG INVENTORY LEADING STATES December 1, 2007 (Million Head)



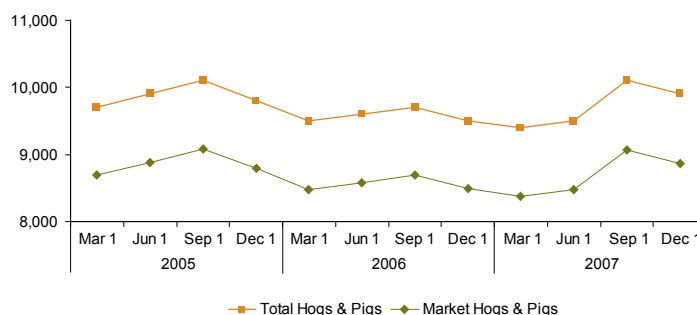
PRICES RECEIVED FOR HOGS

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NORTH CAROLINA HOG & PIG INVENTORY

(Thousand Head)



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